

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

Tilden B. Linker. :

Plaintiff, : Case No. 3:17-CV-27

- vs - : District Judge Thomas M. Rose
Magistrate Judge Michael J. Newman

The Connor Group. :

Defendant.

PRELIMINARY PRETRIAL CONFERENCE ORDER

The preliminary pretrial conference in this case was held as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 by telephone conference call at 10:15 a.m. on May 18 , 2017. All parties of record participated in person or by their trial attorneys.

PERTINENT SETTINGS

1. Required disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1):	<u>Completed</u>
2. Settlement demand by Plaintiff(s) on Defendant to be made by:	<u>Completed</u>
3. Not later than the date specified, Plaintiff(s) will furnish to Defendant(s) a medical package, consisting of reports, medical bills, list of special damages, certification of wage loss, hospital bills, hospital records, other bills and expenses, etc. Plaintiff's counsel is under a continuing duty to update or supplement the medical package as further information becomes available:	<u>N/A</u>
4. Cut-off date for motions to amend the pleadings and to add parties:	<u>July 21, 2017</u>
5. Cut-off date for motions directed to the pleadings (including motions to dismiss and motions for judgment on the pleadings):	<u>July 15, 2017</u>
6. Cut-off date for filing motion to certify class:	<u>N/A</u>

7. Date by which parties must identify lay witnesses and provide a synopsis of their testimony: August 1, 2017

8. Dates to reveal the identity of expert witnesses and to provide a copy of the expert's report [Rule 26(a)(2)(B)] or the subject matter and summary of facts and opinions for experts not required to prepare reports [Rule 26(a)(2)(c)] are:

1. Plaintiff Primary Expert Designations: August 15, 2017
2. Defendant Primary Expert Designations September 29, 2017
3. Plaintiff Rebuttal Expert Designations: October 13, 2017
4. Defendant Rebuttal Expert Designations: October 27, 2017

9. Cut-off date for making requests for admissions: October 27, 2017

10. Discovery cut-off: February 1, 2018

11. Telephone status conference following discovery to discuss possible alternative dispute resolution mechanisms: February 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

12. Cut-off date for filing summary judgment motions: March 15, 2018

13. Court's target date for deciding summary judgment motions: 60 days prior to trial

The Court will use its best efforts to decide all dispositive motions, particularly summary judgment motions, by this date. The Court's commitment is based on the parties' adhering to deadlines for completing discovery and filing dispositive motions; any extension of those dates will affect the decision date. No trial date will be re-set because the Court is unable to decide the dispositive motions by this date.

14. Cut-off date for filing motions *in limine* with respect to trial testimony: 10 days prior to FPT

15. Cut-off date for filing the parties' joint proposed final pretrial order: 10 days prior to FPT

16. Trial exhibits to be exchanged by: **3 days prior to FPT**

17. Final pretrial conference ____ by telephone X in chambers
(All counsel who will participate in trying the case must also
participate in the final pretrial conference.): **September 13, 2018**
@ 9:30 a.m.

18. Cut-off date for filing proposed jury instructions, proposed special
verdicts or interrogatories, and a joint statement of the case (which
must be consistent with the joint proposed final pretrial order):
1 week
prior to trial
(Additionally, the joint proposed final pretrial order, jury instructions, special verdicts or
interrogatories and joint statement of the case must all be submitted to chambers in WordPerfect
format, either by email or on a separate disk.)

19. Transcripts of depositions with designations of
testimony to be used: **14 days prior to trial**

20. Cut-off date for filing counter designations in
deposition transcripts: **7 days prior to trial**

21. Trial exhibits to be delivered to the courtroom deputy by: **October 10 , 2018**

22. Trial on the merits _ to a jury X to the Court beginning:
October 15 , 2018
@ 9:00 a.m.

23. Law clerk assigned: **Joseph Brossart**

24. The Magistrate Judge assigned to this case is: **Michael J. Newman**

This case is referred to the assigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) from the date of this Order until the discovery deadline. At that time, the District Judge will resume management of the case through resolution or trial. The Magistrate Judge to whom the case is referred is hereby authorized to perform any and all functions authorized for full-time United States Magistrate Judges by statute except that, unless specifically ordered, the following motions are not referred, regardless of when they may be filed: (1) motions for temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction; (2) motions for summary judgment, including *Markman* hearings in patent cases; motions for class certification; and (4) motions in limine relating to the admission of evidence at trial.

The parties should have indicated in their Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) report whether they will consent to have the case tried by the Magistrate Judge if the District Judge is not available on the trial date set. If they have not done this, they should notify the District Judge's Courtroom Deputy

not later than twenty days from the date of this Order whether or not they will consent on this contingent basis. Consent must be unanimous and declining consent will have no adverse substantive consequences.

ALL discovery must be concluded, as opposed to simply being requested, by the discovery deadline. For example, interrogatories, which have a thirty day response time, must be served on the opposing party in sufficient time to allow that party to respond prior to the discovery deadline. In the absence of extraordinary cause, the Court will not extend the discovery deadline if doing so would adversely impact the trial date or the summary judgment filing deadline.

Limiting Personal Information in Court Records

The judiciary's privacy policy restricts publication of certain personal data in documents filed with the Court. Therefore, in documents filed with the Court, please (1) limit Social Security and financial account numbers to the last four digits, (2) use only initials for the names of minors, (3) limit dates of birth to the year, and (4) in criminal cases, limit home addresses to city and state. Please do not elicit the omitted information when examining witnesses in open court. If the omitted information is mentioned in open court, please ask to have it stricken or to have the transcript redacted before filing. The Court has authority to enforce the privacy policy on its own motion.

May 23, 2017

s/ Thomas M. Rose
Thomas M. Rose, Judge
United States District Court